Development of the Government Soap Factory.

Q.—44. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Government Soap Factory was started ;

(*b*) what is the capacity of the plant and what is its annual production ;

(*c*) what are the steps taken in recent years to develop this industry ;

(*d*) what is the amount spent for the advertisement ?

A.—Sri K. MALLAPPA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(*a*) In the year 1918.

(*b*) The capacity of the plant is 1,500 M. tons per annum and its present annual production is 1,675 Metric tons.

(*c*) There is a proposal to expand production of the Factory to 6,000 tons per annum by installing a modern continuous soap processing plant with automatic stamping and wrapping machine. Government of India have granted an Import Licence for getting the machinery and further action is being taken to obtain the machinery.

(*d*) The amount spent on advertisement during the past five years is indicated below :—

1958-59	Rs. 54,829
1959-60	Rs. 96,618
1960-61	Rs. 30,433
1961-62	Rs. 56,918
1962-63	Rs. 11,847

Raw materials for the preparation of soap in the Government Soap Factory.

Q.—45. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) which are all the raw materials secured for the preparation of soap in the Government Soap Factory at present from outside Mysore and at cost annually for each of the raw materials ;

(*b*) which are the raw meterials secured from the State itself ;

(*c*) whether any attempt is made to prepare the raw materials such as (i) scents, (ii) card board boxes, (iii) printing materials, etc., required for the Factory itself ?